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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, KS, US
SUBJECT: ROK POLICE SURVEILLANCE OF PEACE CORPS

REF: SEOUL 2856

1. AFTER RECEIPT ERICSON LETTER, RANARD FOUND OCCASION TO PASS ON TO ROK EMBASSY DCM PAK KUN OUR CONCERNS ON BEHALF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS. SUBSEQUENTLY ON MAY 8 FOLLOWING RECEIPT EMBTEL 2856, RANARD BROUGHT MATTER TO ATTENTION OF ROK POLITICAL COUNSELOR KIM TAE ZHEE IN GREATER DETAIL. HE STATED DEPARTMENT WISHED IT KNOWN IT FULLY SUPPORTED REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY EMBASSY AGAINST ROK POLICE INTERROGATION AND HARASSMENT OF PEACE CORPS, STATING THESE INCONSISTENT WITH BILATERAL UNDERSTANDINGS REGARDING ITS PRESENCE IN KOREA. HE NOTED THAT, WHILE EMBASSY HAD REPORTED IT EXPECTED INTERVENTION TO CEASE, HE WISHED DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST PASSED BACK TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

2. WE NOTE THAT MEMCON REPORTING ERICSON DISCUSSION WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPORTED SOME 33 INSTANCES AS CONFIDENTIAL

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OF APRIL 19 IN WHICH LOCAL POLICE AGENTS HAD APPROACHED

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PCVS. AS OF DATE REFTEL (APRIL 30), HOWEVER, EMBASSY REPORTS APPROXIMATELY 150 INSTANCES. AT SAME TIME WE UNDERSTAND EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ROKG IS UNDERTAKING CORRECTIVE ACTION. IN ANY CASE, DEPARTMENT FULLY SUPPORTS REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY EMBASSY AND REQUESTS THAT ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS BE REPORTED TELEGRAPHICALLY.

3. SO FAR, OBERDORFER STORY HAS NOT APPEARED IN U.S. PRESS. IF QUERIED, WE INTEND FOLLOW LINE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS. RUSH

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